Statement—*contd.*

GUJARAT :

1. Society for the Mentally Retarded, Rajkot.
2. Shri K.K. Institute for the Deaf, Bhavnagar.
3. Blind Men's Association, Ahmedabad.
4. Shri D.S. Parekh Deaf & Dumb School, Surendranagar.
5. Medical Care Centre Trust, Vadodra.
6. Andhjan Vividhlaxi Talim Kendra Jam Nagar, Gujarat.
7. Andhkanya Prakash Gruh, Ahmedabad.
8. Andh Apung Kalyan Kendra, Ahmedabad.
9. Andh Kalyan Kendra, Ahmedabad.
10. Rachnatmak Abhigam Trust.

Withholding the results of OBC Candidates Claiming age relaxation

1666. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the result of about 300 candidates who appeared in the IAS preliminary examination claiming age relaxation through Court Order on the ground of their belonging OBCs has been withheld by the U.P.S C.

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in respect of age relaxation to OBCs in view of the promise given by the Hon'ble Welfare Minister during the last session of Parliament; and

(c) if not, by when Government are going to make a staement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Results of 437 candidates belonging to various categories including Other Backward Classes were withheld by the UPSC as those candidates had been provisionally admitted to the Preliminary examination on the basis of interim orders passed by the Courts. Out of these, the candidature of 413 candidates has since been cancelled by the Commission as their cases have been dismissed by the respective Courts. In respect of the remaining candidates the cases are still subjudice.

(b) The Government proposes to hold discussions with leaders of political parties on this issue.

(c) No time frame can be indicated at this stage. However, every effort is being made to take a decision as soon as possible.

Residential Schools for SC/ST/OBC Students in the country

1667. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of residential schools for SC/ST/OBC students in the country State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the estimated number of students enrolled in these schools, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of more such schools proposed to be opened in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the assistance provided by Government under this scheme during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The total number of residential schools sanctioned for SC/ST students under different Central/Central sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes is 297 of which 80 residential schools are being run for SC students and 217 for ST students. The Scheme-wise and State-wise information is given in enclosed Statements-IV *(see* below). There is no sepu.ute Scheme for OBCs.

Besides, a large number of residential schools for SCs and STs are being run by State Governments and Voluntary Organisations.